



**Above:** The Women's Board is set to host the 40th annual Gambol event. (L to R) Board members include, Emily Chardell, Paula Richardson, Suzi Bramson Brooks, Laura Durudogan, Deborah Lahey, Robin Boushie, Irene Catanese, Michele Thompson and Joanne Parente Gilson

## GAMBOL: Life Begins at 40

September 1 started the 40-day-countdown to the 40th Annual GAMBOL, presented by the Women's Board and co-chaired by **Jan Fields** and **Michele Thompson**.

This year's gala event kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 at our exciting new Michigan Avenue location, the Hilton Chicago. Bring out your black-tie best for an evening of cabaret entertainment by the Ken Arlen Orchestra, plus casino gaming, cocktails, dining, dancing, silent and live auctions, and a 50/50 raffle.

For reservations go online at [www.events.org/ucpa](http://www.events.org/ucpa) or call UCP at 312-464-1608, ext. 25. Purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to split the proceeds with UCP. Visit [www.ucpnet.org/gambol](http://www.ucpnet.org/gambol) for more information.

# G<sup>40<sup>th</sup></sup>GAMBOL

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## Planning to Give

Seventy percent of Americans die without making a will. Their beneficiaries, as determined under state law in the absence of a will, may not reflect the choices they intended. In that light, estate planning is more than a financial consideration. It's an expression of values, at each stage of life.

For many, supporting charitable causes represents an important value, one with significant personal and financial benefits. Thoughtful estate planning helps achieve these benefits by building assets while reducing tax liability.

The final goal of any good estate plan is to ensure that your assets will ultimately pass to your intended beneficiaries, with as little tax and administration cost as possible. When considering your estate planning options, please consider the significant benefits of a gift to United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago.

Should you have any questions or wish to receive information about our Planned Giving Program, please contact Sue O'Donovan at [sodonovan@ucpnet.org](mailto:sodonovan@ucpnet.org).



## What a Rush!

*Looking back at an especially busy summer, I've realized that I'm not always good at taking it slow. I find, instead, that a faster pace gives me a rush — and apparently, I'm in good company.*

• *This summer, Ken Scripta, Paul Behrman and Kevin Burke hosted golf outings that collectively raised more than \$75,000. I am very grateful to each of these avid UCP supporters for "hitting the green" to create a life without limits for people with disabilities.*

- *At the eighth annual Jack Brickhouse Tribute at US Cellular Field, Pat Brickhouse presented the leadership award to Lee Flaherty of Flair Communications Agency. Special thanks to JoEllyn Kelley for stepping up to the plate and selling more than 300 tickets to this great event.*
- *Elsewhere, the Kansas State Department of Education has contributed \$150,000 to augment the work of Infinetec and provide incentives for school districts to participate in the coalition. As of September 2007, 85 percent of Kansas school districts have joined.*
- *Ramp Up received \$88,000 from the Department of Veterans Affairs and will be awarded \$320,000 from the Illinois Housing Development Authority for 2008.*
- *ATEN conducted 12 computer electronics drives over the spring and summer, received more than 3,000 computers from Palatine and Northbrook school districts, and accepted 120 donations of durable medical equipment.*
- *CS&C Learning, Inc. has partnered with Infinetec to award \$302,191 in literacy mini-grants to AT coalition members in Illinois.*
- *Thanks to Jan Fields, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana presented a check for \$25,000 to UCP to provide home modifications for children with disabilities.*
- *As construction of our Tinley Park facility neared completion, we welcomed our new tenant, Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education, offering a school transition program to help children and their families.*
- *On a different kind of site, we are redeveloping UCP's Web presence to make it easier to navigate and to help clarify our offerings and mission. We expect to launch the new site by the end of 2007.*
- *Meanwhile, our Women's Board is hard at work planning the 40th annual GAMBOL gala, also at a new site, the Chicago Hilton. Please make time on your calendar for this very special event, Friday, Oct. 12. I can't wait to see you there!*

Best regards,



Paul Dulle  
President & CEO

**Above:** (L to R) Brickhouse Award Winner Lee Flaherty, Vince Kelley, JoEllyn Kelley, Pat Brickhouse and Grand Marshall Jorene Kelley (center)  
**Right:** The Little Family, pictured with UCP and RMHC board members, will receive home modifications as a result of RMHC's generous donation.



## Holiday Gift Drive

While snowflakes are months away, the season of giving is already here, with the launch of the 11th Annual UCP/Infinetec Southwest Holiday Gift Drive. Every year, UCP Chicago and Infinetec Southwest work with volunteers and donors to raise monetary contributions and gifts for children and adults with disabilities. For some, their gift drive packages are the only presents they receive during the holidays. Your generous donations and holiday spirit can help us continue building the community of support that touches so many lives. To learn more, call Matina Travis at 708-444-8460, ext. 230.